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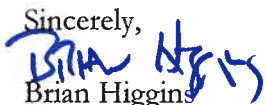
Re: The Corporation's Disinvestment in Buffalo.

Dear Mr. Corvington:

I write to convey my very serious concern, having learned that of the \$28 million awarded to AmeriCorps agencies by the Corporation in New York State this year, \$26.2 million is being directed to New York City and its immediate vicinity, while \$0 is being directed toward agencies in the Buffalo area. It is shocking to me that the Corporation would turn its back on the nation's third poorest city while a competitive and viable proposal was offered by Western New York AmeriCorps, a well-established and responsible steward of Corporation resources.

I strongly encourage you to work with New York State Commission on National and Community Service to identify the resources for the continuation of the ABLE program here in Western New York, and in so doing, provide continuity for the 5,000 students and 12,000 families which are served by this program annually.

Again, I cannot understate my disappointment with regard to this disinvestment. If I can be of any assistance in this matter, I can be reached through Tyler Stapleton in my Washington office or Chris Fahey in my Buffalo office, at tyler.stapleton@mail.house.gov or chris.fahey@mail.house.gov, respectively. It is my hope that a resolution can be found to this problem which will allow for the Corporation's important work to continue in Buffalo.

Sincerely,

Brian Higgins
Member of Congress